

Travel Concession to Government Employees
for visiting their Home Towns.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. TRA-1180/CR-318/SER-5

Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032, dated 9th September, 1980

Read—(1) Government Resolution, Finance Department, No. TRA-1163/2726/V, dated 23rd October 1963.

(2) Government Resolution, Finance Department, No. TRA-1165/XVIII, dated 6th May 1968.

(3) Government Resolution, Finance Department, No. TRA-1175/C-222/SER-10, dated 22nd December 1975.

(4) Government Resolution, Finance Department, No. TRA-1176/C-867/SER-5, dated 8th December 1976.

RESOLUTION.—The travel concession to Government employees serving at places distant from their homes, for journeys to their homes during regular leave has been initially introduced under Government Resolution, Finance Department, No. TRA-1163/2726-V, dated the 23rd October 1963. Under the Leave Travel Concession Scheme, the Government employees whose 'Home Towns' are beyond 250/160 kms. from the headquarters but within the State are required to bear themselves the entire cost of fares for the initial 250/160 kms. on each of the outward and return journeys. For the remaining distance (over the initial 250/160 kms.), one is again required to bear 25 *per cent* of the cost and the balance of 75 *per cent* of the actual fares is borne by Government. Further, the concession can be availed of during regular leave for a period of not less than 15 days. Because of these restrictions, a majority of the employees could not fully enjoy the benefit of the concession. The Government of India liberalised its Leave Travel Concession Scheme to enable its employees to visit any place in India once in 4 years. In view of all these reasons, the question of liberalising Leave Travel Concession Scheme for the State Government employees was under the consideration of Government.

2. After careful consideration, Government has decided that—

(i) The existing restrictions of an employee bearing the entire cost of fares for the initial 250/160 kms. and 25 *per cent* of the expenses for the remaining distance shall be removed and the employees shall be held eligible for hundred *per cent* financial assistance to the extent of full fares for the journeys to their 'Home Towns', if within the State and upto a distance of 400 kms. from the State boundary in the case of those having their 'Home Towns' outside the State.

(ii) The condition of taking minimum 15 days' leave for availing of the concession shall be withdrawn and the employees can visit their 'Home Towns' during short leave or even during Public Holidays for claiming the travel concession.

The existing provision to intimate to the Controlling Officer the intention of availing of the Leave Travel Concession before undertaking such journeys, however, shall continue.

(iii) 'Family' for purposes of this scheme shall include only husband/wife and dependent children. Parents, brothers, sisters, even though dependent, shall not be entitled to the concession.

3. Government employees whose 'Home Towns' are within the distance of 250/160 kms. from the headquarters shall be permitted to declare their 'Home Towns' upto 31st December 1980 and such a declaration shall be treated as 'First declaration'. The declarations made after 31st December 1980 shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in Government Resolution, Finance Department, dated 22nd December 1975.

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4. Travel concession shall continue to be admissible once in a block of two calendar years and the existing block years viz. 1979-80, 1981-82 and so on, shall remain unchanged. Other conditions regarding an employee having to bear the travel expenses for the journeys beyond 400 kms. from the State boundary, facility of advance, facility to the family from claiming the concession independently, delegation of powers to the Controlling Officers, criterion for accepting the ' Home Towns ' declaration etc. remain unchanged.

5. The orders contained in Government Resolution, Finance Department, dated 8th December 1976 shall stand modified to the extent indicated in these orders.

6. These orders shall take effect from the date of issue. Claims of the Government servants, which have been settled earlier, should not be reopened. Pending claims may, however, be settled in accordance with these orders.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SMT. S. V. PANDIT,
Deputy Secretary to Government.